

1 often commends the deceased before the final ceremony, and
2 I would hope that the same parallel would apply in this
3 particular situation.

4 In the matter of history, I should simply like to
5 say that Maryland has from the beginning -- although Delegate
6 Lord overlooked the fact -- used the single-member district
7 in the senate and did so quite recently because under the
8 1776 Constitution, the 1851, and '64, there were provisions
9 for a senator from each county so the single-member district
10 aspect has been one which we have had for quite some time as
11 far as the history of Maryland is concerned.

12 Make no mistake about it, this particular amend-
13 ment you have before you would be the death knell of the
14 single-member district approach because we would know what
15 would happen if this matter were left up to the General
16 Assembly. You can be quite certain that in the interest of
17 trying to keep all those who are in office in office in the
18 future that immediately they would go to the multi-member
19 districts throughout the State of Maryland. I think that is
20 quite obvious.

21 The opposition that you have been hearing has been